

**Application Instructions for Coverage under the Washington State Department of
Agriculture's General Permit
to Discharge Aquatic Pesticides Associated with the control of
NOXIOUS VEGETATION**

Introduction

This is an instruction document for the preparation of an application for coverage under the Washington State Department of Agriculture's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for discharges associated with the control of noxious vegetation in Washington. Agriculture's NPDES General Permit applies to discharges to lakes, rivers, streams, riparian areas, ponds, estuaries, tidelands, ditches, and wetlands.

1. This application for coverage is for one season's treatment only. Apply next year to obtain coverage for next season's treatments.
2. Submitting this application does not guarantee automatic coverage under Agriculture's NPDES permit. Coverage is contingent on receiving an acceptance letter from Agriculture.
3. Coverage in 2002 does not start until after June 14, 2002 and upon receipt of an acceptance letter from Agriculture.

Who Must Apply

Local, state, or federal agencies, private applicators, or individuals that plan to make applications of aquatic pesticides to surface waters of the state for noxious weed control.

When to Apply

Expect a seven day turn-around upon receipt of your signed application to receive the coverage letter from Agriculture.

Where to Apply

Mail the signed application to the following address:

Washington State Department of Agriculture
Laboratory Services Division
P.O. Box 42560
Olympia, WA 98504-2560
Attention: Eloise Rudolph

Fees

There is no application or permit fee.

**LINE BY LINE INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FOR
COVERAGE**

Completing the Application for Coverage

The Application for Coverage is an official document committing the permittee to compliance with the requirements of Agriculture's General Permit for noxious weed control in aquatic situations. It should be completed accurately, completely and legibly and signed by the responsible official and the applicator.

Section I - Entity Seeking Coverage

Provide the name of the entity (may be a lake association, governmental agency, individual, or other) that is sponsoring the herbicide application. Check the appropriate box that describes the entity.

Section II – Mailing and Contact Information

Provide the name, address, telephone number and e-mail address of the person who is charged with overseeing compliance with permit requirements. The acceptance of coverage, a copy of the NPDES permit for noxious aquatic weed control, and all other correspondence will be sent to the mailing address provided.

Applicator Information

Provide the name, address, telephone number and e-mail address of the licensed applicator (or principal applicator) that will be responsible for the proposed herbicide treatments. Include the UBI number if applicable.

Section III - Application Type

Please check appropriate box for the type of weeds that will be treated. Marine emergent plants are *Spartina* species. Freshwater emergent plants include plants such as purple and garden loosestrife. Freshwater submerged or floating leaved plants includes plants such as Eurasian watermilfoil and the fragrant water lily.

Section IV – Waterbody/Herbicide Information

Fill out the information in the table. List only the locations that you intend to treat at this time. You may add more locations later in the season if needed.

On-line Application Form: If you are treating more than one waterbody, click the add button to add another row of data.

Waterbody: Provide the common name of the waterbody that is proposed to be treated.

1. **WRIA**: This stands for Water Resource Inventory Maps. Enter the WRIA number for the waterbody you are proposing to treat. You can view the WRIA maps at the following Internet location: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/services/gis/maps/wria/wria.htm>. You can view a list of waterbodies and their WRIA locations at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/303d/waterbody.pdf>. See detailed individual information at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/eap/wrias/index.html>.
2. **Target Weed**: The plants allowed for treatment under this permit are those plants listed on the Washington State Noxious Weed List (Chapter 16.750 WAC) and Agriculture's quarantine list Chapter 16.752 WAC). Provide the species name of the target plant.

On-line Application Form: Select the species name from the drop down menu. If the target weed is not listed, select "other" and provide the scientific name of the plant in the next data entry column. If you will be treating more than one noxious weed at a specific location, you will need to start a new row.

3. **Proposed Herbicide**: List the herbicide: 2,4-D, endothall, fluridone, glyphosate are allowed for use.
On-line Application Form: Select the herbicide from the drop down menu. The herbicides listed are the only ones allowed under the NPDES permit.
4. **Amount**: List the estimated amount of herbicide (gallons or pounds) that you anticipate using to treat the target weeds at that waterbody.
On-line Application Form: The default amount is gallons. If you are using a granular herbicide, report the amount in pounds.
5. **Acres**: Provide an estimate of the number of acres that you are proposing to treat.

Section V- Regulatory Status (applicator information only)

Provide applicator license number, expiration date, renewal and aquatic endorsement status.

Section VI- Best Management Practices (BMP's) Employed to Reduce Pollutants

Check the appropriate box(es). If a lake specific plan is selected, please enter the name of the lake plan.

On-line Application Form: If you are filling out a table with multiple treatment sites, this field will allow you to enter multiple lake plans.

Section VII - Obligations of Entity and Applicator in Consideration of Coverage under Agriculture's NPDES Permit

Read this section carefully. By signing and submitting this application, you agree to comply with the provisions of this section.

You may print a copy of the NPDES permit for Aquatic Noxious Weed Control at http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/herbicides/final_herbicide_permits/index.html. Read and review this permit before signing and submitting this application to Agriculture.

Section VIII - Certification

The applicator and the entity seeking coverage must sign and submit this application.

Final Step

On-line Application Form

You may save the uncompleted application and return later (within one week) to continue filling it in. You will need to remember your login and password. Once you have completed the application:

1. Display the application to check for errors.
2. Print the application.

All Application Forms

1. Read the NPDES permit to ensure that you will be able to comply with all permit conditions.
2. Sign and date the application.
3. Send the signed and completed application form to:

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